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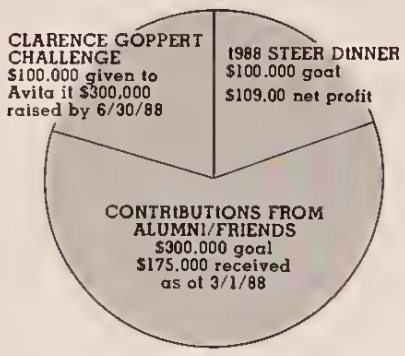
Goal - $500,000 (Undesignated Funds)

Revenue as of 3/1/88



Needed by 6/30/88 to receive Goppert grant:	$300,000
Received as of 3/1/88:	175,000
Balance of goal to be raised by 6/30/88:	125,000
TOTAL goal for '87-'88 Annual Fund:	500,000

Advancement Update

• "Helping students" is the theme for the President's Scholarship Club and Scholarship Sponsors western party April 8. The "Round-Up" will feature music by Rocky Mountain Oysters, a bluegrass band and American Royal barbecued beef served chuck wagon style. The event is presented by Avila College in appreciation for the financial support provided by the two scholarship groups.

• It's not too early to begin forming teams for Avila's 1988 Alumni Golf Classic — Monday, September 19 at Leawood South Country Club. Dan and Mary Ellen Clark are again co-chairing the event which is sponsored by the Alumni Association.

• Alumni and student volunteers will conduct the spring Annual Fund phonothon the nights of April 18-21 and April 25-28. All area alums interested in helping are encouraged to call the advancement office at 942-8400, extension 277 to sign up for a night.

• Callers will be asking for support for this year's Annual Fund Campaign which ends June 30, 1988. Approximately $125,000 needs to be raised before that date to meet the Clarence Goppert Challenge and reach this year's $500,000 Annual Fund goal.

Steer Dinner Sets Fundraising Record

The combination of prize-winning American Royal steaks and distinctive gifts proved again to be a winning combination at Avila's 1988 Steer Dinner. The dinner and auction raised more than $110,000 this year, easily surpassing the previous fund-raising record of $65,000 set in 1987.

The evening's highest bidder was John McMeel, president of Universal Press Syndicate. Dorothy Whitfield and Ben Zarda made the two highest single bids—$2,000 each.

A capacity crowd of more than 300 guests attended the 12th annual dinner. Vince and Marilee DiCarlo were honorary co-chairpersons. Bob Wormington and Bill Grigsby were emcees and Stanley Stout served as auctioneer.

Bill Grigsby congratulates Ben Zarda, one of the evening's high bidders.

Homecoming 1988

Sept. 30 and Oct. 1-2

Classes to be honored are 1923, 1928, 1938, 1948, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1978, 1983.

Further information on this fun-filled weekend will be coming in your next *Accent* and the Homecoming brochure. Plan now to attend!

Wrenn Insurance Group A Friend of the Library

The Wrenn Insurance Group of Lenexa, Kansas, has pledged $2,000 to the Friends of the Library membership campaign. To receive the grant, $2,000 in new or increased memberships needs to be raised by June 30, 1988.

Mr. Mike Wrenn, president, stated that his company selected the library support group as a target for the challenge "because of the importance of the library to the total institution." Wrenn continued by stating, "Our company feels a commitment to be involved in the community. Avila is a fine area educational institution that deserves our support."

The annual spring campaign for members will begin in April with a direct mail appeal to past members and new prospects. The effort will be concluded May 22-24 with a phonothon effort by Board members.

Mother's Love and Guidance Yields Endowed Scholarship

A $10,000 endowed scholarship has been established by Evelyn Samborski, class of '80, in memory of her mother, Gladys Seymour Fisk. The newly-endowed scholarship raises to 46 the number offered by Avila College.

In establishing the Gladys Seymour Fisk scholarship, Mrs. Samborski said, "Mother deeply loved her Bible and the Baptist Church. She taught us to respect people of every faith and ethnic background." The honoree's granddaughter, Joyce Samborski Nyght, also an Avila alumna, graduated in 1974.

Mrs. Samborski returned to college after rearing her family. She majored in English and has designated the scholarship to assist students in this major.

The scholarship will be listed in the second edition of Avila's book of endowed scholarships. The new book will provide updated information about all endowed scholarships offered by the college as of the time of publication.

A memorial or living endowed scholarship can be established with a minimum of $1,000. Persons wishing information about establishing a scholarship may contact the director of planned giving, 942-8400 extension 327.

Sloan Named Department Chairperson

Dr. Laura B. Sloan has been appointed chairperson of the Avila education and psychology department. She received a Ph.D. from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and taught on the elementary and college levels before joining the Avila faculty in 1986.

"Avila's strength lies in its personal approach to a student's education, which enables the department to produce an effective teacher," Dr. Sloan said. "The ability to make innovations easily is a credit to Avila. Students benefit from an improved curriculum without delay."

Dr. Sloan, a native of Kansas City, has two children, ages 13 and 7.

In Search of . . . Alumni of the Year

The alumni association is seeking nominations for the Alumni of the Year Award to be given at the October 2 Homecoming Brunch. This award recognizes the honoree's commitment to Avila's mission, career accomplishments and community involvement.

All nominations must be submitted on a nominating form available through the advancement office. Nominations are considered active for three years. The nomination deadline is August 1, 1988.

Send nominations to: Sharon Exposito
Alumni Association President
Avila College
Advancement Office
11901 Wornall Road
Kansas City, Missouri 64145

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President's Column:

Dr. Larry Kramer

I consider it a blessing to be allowed the opportunity to work at a Catholic independent college. Avila's ties to the Catholic church are strong and alive.

It was with great pride that I joined with Sister Olive Louise, students Cindy Cook and Michelle Graff, and my wife, Jan, in representing Avila during the visit of Pope John Paul II to New Orleans last fall. When I shook the Pontiff's hand, I felt I had created a bond between the Pope and the entire Avila College family, past and present.

Recently I met in Washington, D.C. with two national organizations that promote sharing of information and ideas among Catholic colleges. The Sisters of Saint Joseph College consortium and the Association of National Catholic Colleges and Universities are both active groups that meet annually to assess the status of American Catholic colleges. Much valuable information was presented and discussed in an effort to strengthen all Catholic institutions of higher education.

While in Washington I also attended the conference of the National Institute of Independent Colleges and Universities. Besides its Catholic heritage, Avila also takes pride in being one of 1,616 accredited independent colleges in America.

Independent colleges have had a special impact on the American higher education system. These are generally colleges with smaller enrollments, smaller classes, lower student/teacher ratios and more personal contact. At independent colleges, 62 percent of the students receive their degree on time, compared with 50 percent or less at public institutions.

Independent colleges, like Avila, have produced a majority of our nation's corporate leaders and 19 of our 32 college-educated presidents.

Avila intends to remain true to its mission as a Catholic independent college. We concur with the Carnegie Report findings that tell us the most effective college is that college that knows "what it stands for as an institution".

At Avila, we know what we stand for and we strive to uphold our ideals. That's why being a part of the Avila College mission in the community is indeed an honor and a blessing.

Library Lunch with Kansas City Author

Mary Ann Verhulst, '71, Friends of the Library President, announced that this year's spring luncheon speaker will be Virginia DeCoursey. Ms. DeCoursey, a well known Kansas City author, will speak on the "Joy of Books".

All Friends of the Library members, faculty, staff, students and interested college friends are encouraged to attend the April 19 event at Whitfield Centre. The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. and costs $4.50 per person. For reservations, call the library at 942-8400, extension 220.

(From left) Sister Elaine Margaret Besand and Sister Una Marie Brumback

Sisters Celebrate 75 Years of Service

Two Avila nuns are celebrating their jubilees this spring. Together, the two Sisters represent 75 years of service to the CSJ community and nearly 40 years to the college. Sister Una Marie Brumback, head librarian for 19 years, is a golden jubilarian and Sister Elaine Margaret Besand, who works in the college bookstore, is celebrating her silver anniversary.

Sister Una Marie, named Una because she was the only Sister in her reception, entered the community following her graduation from high school in St. Joseph. Sister Una told *Accent* that she remembers well making her decision to enter the convent. "One day I would decide that I was going to be married and I would pray that my children would be priests and nuns. The next day I would decide that it would be off to the convent to serve the Lord. After 50 years I still firmly believe I made the right decision," she said.

Sister Una likes the changes she has seen in the Order. "When I first entered we could only go on a home visit once every five years. This was hard on families. It's much better now," she said.

Sister Elaine Margaret, a native of Festus, Missouri, worked in St. Louis before entering the Order. "I knew in high school that I wanted to be a nun but was told it was impossible with my hearing impairment. Orders required perfect health for acceptance," she said.

An exception was made for Sister Elaine. She was one of the first nuns to be accepted with a physical handicap.

The Avila community will recognize Sister Una and Sister Elaine in April at a reception celebrating their service.

A sleepout was organized January 19 by members of the Avila College for Social Concerns organization to raise support for their People for People—A Brighter Day in Kansas City Picnic scheduled for the homeless at Barney Allis Plaza. The picnic which served homeless individuals from 25 emergency shelter coalitions in the metropolitan area was March 26.

Team captain Ken Dudzik advances the ball against an opponent. Dudzik, a senior from Edmond, Oklahoma, finished his Avila basketball career in style scoring 35 points, including a last second winning basket, against Ottawa. The men's team finished with a 9-17 record.

Diane McLaury keeps her eye on the ball and her opponent. The O'Hara High School junior has been a three year starter for both the basketball and volleyball teams. The women's team finished the season with a 12-15 record.

New Diploma In Montessori Path

Avila has changed its Montessori program to allow students to earn an Association of Montessori Internationale diploma in one or two years. The new program will take effect this fall.

"We feel action by the Kansas City public school district to open a Montessori Magnet school next year will increase the demand for Montessori teachers," said Sandra Sparks, Director of Montessori. "With a better market for teachers and a flexible approach, Avila's program will appeal to both traditional and nontraditional students," she said.

Avila is the only accredited college in the four-state region to offer this diploma. The Association Montessori Internationale, located in Holland, accredits colleges. A student with an AMI certification can teach Montessori anywhere in the world.

The Avila Montessori program was founded in 1967 by Dr. Lena Wikramaratne, who was trained by Maria Montessori. Montessori is a unique educational approach in which the teacher acts as an observer and guide to help children teach themselves by doing. Children work at their own pace to develop language, math and cultural skills.

Sister Felice Helmes

Reflections

Sister Felice Helmes, professor emerita, has been a Sister of St. Joseph 57 years. She was the first director of Avila's theatre program and laid the foundation for the prominent position the program now enjoys. Sister shares her special insights:

The earliest Constitutions of the Sisters of St. Joseph speak of the need for "unity of neighbor with neighbor and neighbor with God".

In 1948, I needed unity as well as the guidance of the Holy Spirit to overcome my lack of experience when I was asked to create a theatre department on the St. Teresa campus.

The college at that time lacked not only an experienced theatre professional; it also lacked money. To purchase supplies and equipment we held cake sales, garage sales and even a fish-pond sale. The students were tremendous. Together we built scenery, made costumes, planned publicity and even enticed Rockhurst students to perform male roles.

The popularity of our earliest efforts, which focused on children's theatre, not only solved our financial problems but provided many delightful memories. During a rousing performance of "Hansel and Gretel", the witch had hidden Hansel in a cage. Gretel searched the stage frantically for her brother, but to no avail. Suddenly, a little boy in the audience stood up and shouted, "He's in the box!"

It took 15 years to equip the theater department at St. Teresa's. Then, in 1963, we moved to the Avila campus and started all over again in the basement of O'Reilly. We had no chairs; the audience sat on the cement floor. But, little by little, we transformed the space into an excellent "Little Theatre in a Rectangle"—today's ALT. (The success of our Goppert Theatre programs, so often reviewed in glowing terms by the local media, was still to come.)

During those trying, yet happy times, I felt very close to the students. We worked together and prayed together. We suffered together and triumphed together. The unity envisioned by the Sisters 300 years ago was alive for all of us. And it lives today in our Avila College community.

DEATHS

CLASS '21
Hildred Honan Histed, sister of **Helen Honan Hargis '25** and **Maureen Honan Snider '25**, on October 24 in Cleveland, Ohio.

CLASS '27
Mary Margaret Connole Ross on December 9 in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

CLASS '31
Mr. John F. Murphy, brother of **Marie Murphy Freeman**, on October 20 in North Hollywood, California. Mrs. Ellen M. Steinmetz, sister of **Marie Murphy Freeman**, on November 12 in Los Angeles.

CLASS '35
Mr. Thomas Joseph Miller, son of **Margaret Hix Miller**, on December 3 in Kansas City.

CLASS '36
Mr. Ivan E. Moody, husband of **Ruth Toller Moody**, on January 6 in Tucson, Arizona.

CLASS '37
Mrs. Virginia Termini Bonfils, sister of **Sister Teresa Terminl, C.S.J.**, on July 24 in North Kansas City. Reverend John G. O'Flaherty, S.J., brother of **Emelie O'Flaherty Gill**, on June 19 in St. Louis.

CLASS '38
Mr. James J. Carter, husband of **Vivian Wolfe Carter**, on October 12 in Kansas City.

CLASS '40
Mary Patricia Smith, sister of **Martha Smith Heydon '44**, on June 16 in Kansas City.

CLASS '42
Retired Air Force Master Sgt. William J. Donnelly, Sr., brother of **Mary Golden Donnelly**, on January 22 in Kansas City.

CLASS '43
Mr. James P. Neenan, husband of **Helen Dierks Neenan** and brother of **Dorothy Neenan Mermis '37** and **Janice Neenan Clarkson '46**, on September 13 in Kansas City.

CLASS '44
Dr. James J. Murphy, brother of **Nan Murphy Finucane** and **Eileen Murphy '48**, on September 16 in Raytown, Missouri. Mr. John Edward Oxler, Sr., brother of **Mary Oxler Whitaker**, on September 8 in Wichita.

CLASS '49
Mrs. Margaret W. Power, mother of **Mary Jo Power**, on September 18 in Kansas City.

CLASS '50
Mrs. Margaret C. Denzer, mother of **Peggy Denzer Bell**, on October 24 in Kansas City. Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Mathews, mother of **Mary Jo Mathews Hopkins**, on November 13 in Kansas City North. Mrs. Margaret M. Reintjes, mother of **Margaret P. Reintjes** and **Marie Reintjes Thorpe '52**, on December 16 in Kansas City. Mrs. Marie Catherine Schorgl, mother of **Mary Margaret Schorgl Wilson**, on October 28 in Mission, Kansas.

CLASS '51
Mrs. Ruby D. Mauer, mother of **Patricia Mauer Baar**, on August 3 in Greenfield, Wisconsin. Mrs. Alice K. Flaherty, mother of **Patricia Flaherty Marshall**, on October 13 in Kansas City.

CLASS '52
Mr. Robert Janda, father of **Elizabeth Janda Rohn**, on January 21 in Kerrville, Texas. **Mary Joan Gorman** on January 14 in Kansas City.

CLASS '53
Mr. William Barry, father of **Marianne Barry Gaboury**, on June 29 in Olathe, Kansas. Mr. Joseph A. Flaherty, Sr., father of **Kathleen Flaherty Koehler**, on November 12 in Kansas City.

CLASS '54
Mrs. Mary Gripka, mother of **Mary Ann Gripka Flucke**, grandmother of **Patricia Flucke Wagner '82** and **Teresa Flucke '87**, on December 31 in Monett, Missouri.

CLASS '55
Mr. Enos A. Axtell, Sr., father of **Barbara Axtell Giblin**, on October 15 in Kansas City. Mr. E.A. Cornies, husband of **Mary Janice Manewal Cornies**, in Newton, Kansas.

CLASS '56
Mrs. Margarette E. Turgeon, mother of **Sue Turgeon van Thullenar**, on November 19 in Kansas City.

CLASS '57
Mrs. Ruth M. Witherow, mother of **Nancy Witherow Downey**, on October 30 in Overland Park, Kansas.

CLASS '59
Clarihel B. McLear, mother of **Mary Jo McLear '64**, on July 16 in Kansas City.

CLASS '60
Mr. Gene E. Franklin, Jr., husband of **Virginia Starks Franklin**, on June 9 in Kansas City. Mrs. Violet J. Shaw, mother of **Margaret Shaw Courville** and **Valerie Shaw Houlihan '65**, on January 13 in Mount Kisco, New York.

CLASS '61
Mrs. Genevieve Dye, sister of **Sister Mary Therese Pfeifer, B.V.M.**, on January 5 in North Kansas City.

CLASS '62
Mr. Edwin G. Borserine, father of **Mary Borserine Wickey** and brother of **Margaret Borserine '30**, on January 13 in Kansas City. Mrs. Theresa Rouen, mother of **Kathleen Rouen**, on December 12 in Kansas City. Mrs. Mary B. Thomas, mother of **Mary Ann Thomas Vlerthaler** and **Carol Thomas Hickey '65**, on October 10 in Kansas City, Kansas. Mr. Thomas Dennis Sullivan, brother of **Margaret Sullivan Basgall** and **Eugenia Sullivan Moiey '64**, on November 11 in Overland Park, Kansas.

CLASS '64
Mr. Eugene V. Donnelly, father of **Mary Ruth Donnelly Herzon** and **Elizabeth Donnelly '65** and brother of **Mary Golden Donnelly '29 and '42**, on July 18 in Kansas City. Mrs. Freda Ruhack, sister of **Bette Hurst Betanski**, on October 1 in Kansas City. Mrs. Frances M. Skorupan, mother of **Carol Skorupan Cop**, on September 28 in Kansas City, Kansas. Dr. William A. Staggs, father of **Mary Alice Staggs Strannigan**, on December 6 in Kansas City.

CLASS '65
Mr. George W. Woster, Sr., father of **Joanne Woster Norris**, on November 25 in Westwood, Kansas.

CLASS '67
Ruth Russell Holiday on February 3 in Kansas City. Mrs. Clarence Kirk, Jr., mother of **Roxana Kirk Howe**, in November in New Braunfels, Texas. Mr. Victor H. Zahner, father of **Diane Ford Zahner** and **Donna Zahner Sprehe**, on September 24 in Kansas City.

CLASS '69
Mr. Ralph Ryan, Sr., father of **Rosemary Ryan**, on January 30 in Kansas City, Kansas. Mrs. Willa Mae Ryan, mother of **Rosemary Ryan**, on November 4 in Kansas City, Kansas.

CLASS '70
Mr. William P. Lenihan, father of **Judy Lenihan Hare**, on October 26 in Kansas City.

CLASS '71
Mr. William J. Fadden, father of **Marianne Fadden Hudlemeyer**, on August 30 in Kansas City. Mr. Bernard J. Shea, father of **Patricia Shea Legenza**, on July 25 in Kansas City.

CLASS '73
Mrs. Clara M. Angotti, mother of **Christine Angotti Hoffman**, on June 21 in Independence, Missouri. Mr. Fred Karigan, father of **Martha Karigan-Winter**, on August 27 in Sedalia, Missouri.

CLASS '75
Mr. Joseph F. Kersting, father of **Mary Kay Kersting**, on October 26 in East Troy, Wisconsin. Mr. Le Roy Meade, Sr., father of **Donishia Meade Hughley**, on August 4 in Kansas City.

CLASS '76
Gayle Gold on April 10 in Gainesville, Florida. **Arletha North** on June 18 in Kansas City. Mr. Leonard White, father of **Nancy B. White**, on November 20 in Kansas City.

CLASS '77
Mr. Charles E. Burchett, father of **Karen Burchett**, on August 10 in Lexington, Missouri. Mr. Paul M. Foster, Sr., father of **Grace Foster LeNoir**, on August 28 in Kansas City.

CLASS '78
Mr. Russell B. Brashear, father of **Mary Grace Sharbel**, on December 21 in Kansas City.

CLASS '79
Mrs. Ralph E. Carr, mother of **Nancy Carr Sullivan** and grandmother of **Nancy Sullivan Collins '83**, on November 8 in Prairie Village, Kansas.

CLASS '80
Mr. Russell B. Fisk, father of **Evelyn Samborski** and grandfather of **Joyce Samborski Nyght '74**, on November 4 in Kansas City. Mrs. Frances M. Hare, mother of **William H. Hare, Jr.**, **Jane Hare Markwell '57** and **Linda Hare Arens '61**, on November 29 in Kansas City.

CLASS '81
Lorene LeAntha McLeod on September 22 in Parker, Arizona. Mrs. Mary Eileen Zahner, mother of **Sharon Zahner Smith**, on November 11 in Kansas City.

CLASS '82
Mr. August A. Tomelleri, father of **Melinda Tomelleri**, on January 7 in Kansas City, Kansas.

CLASS '83
Mr. Charles H. Ulrich, Jr., father of **Sondra Ann Corder**, on October 13 in Kansas City.

CLASS '84
Mrs. Dorothy Marciniak McCleary, mother of **Maureen McCleary**, on December 19 in Kansas City.

CLASS '86
Mr. James A. Tilson, father of **Kathryn Anne Tilson**, on November 21 in Kansas City.

CLASS '88
Tim Cooke, son of **Linda Cooke**, on July 16 in Shawnee Mission, Kansas. Mr. Kenneth E. Martin, father of **Karen Martin**, on August 13 in North Kansas City. Mrs. Frances P. Troxler, stepmother of **Belinda Troxler**, on September 5 in Kansas City.

WEDDINGS

CLASS '74
Kay Nolap, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N.C. Nolop, to Roger A. Lehr on June 27 at her parents' home, Leavenworth, Kansas.

CLASS '77
Clara M. Knapp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Knapp, to Stephen Thompson, son of Howard and **Wilmena Vandegaer Thompson '52**, on February 14 at St. Thomas More Church, Kansas City.

CLASS '78
Joyce Loehr, daughter of Mrs. Virginia Loehr and the late Mr. Alfons Loehr, to Douglas Earl vonEhrenkrook on August 9 at Holy Family Center, Wichita, Kansas. **Valerie Lynn Smith**, daughter of Mrs. Ralph A. Smith and the late Mr. Ralph A. Smith, to Mitchell Burnham Martin on December 6 at Central United Methodist Church, Kansas City.

CLASS '79
Jean L. Nuernberger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Nuernberger, to Jerry W. Noernberg on July 17 at Simpson House, Kansas City.

CLASS '80
Jeanne M. Lillig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul P. Lillig, to Neal L. Patterson on December 5 at Unity on the Plaza, Kansas City.

CLASS '81
Marilyn Meissen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Meissen, to James Stanley on July 18 at St. Brendan's Church, Mexico, Missouri. **Sharon Ann Zahner**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew A. Zahner, to Joseph Paul Smith on October 10 at Visitation Church, Kansas City.

CLASS '82
Susan Michele Comford, daughter of Mrs. Helen Y. Comford and the late Mr. Cyril J. Comford, to William Mark Streck on July 18 at Visitation Church, Kansas City. **Theresa Helen Ferrario**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Ferrario, to Eric Matthew Duchinsky on April 12 at St. Ambrose Church, St. Louis. **Jane Kathleen Forrest**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer K. Forrest, to Lawrence Dent Morriss, Jr., on August 16 at Cure of Ars Church, Leawood, Kansas. **Tama Marea Lenninger**, daughter of Mrs. V. LaDean Lenninger, to Terrence Andrew Byrnes on October 9 at Holy Trinity Church, Lenexa, Kansas. **Veronica Pacheco** to Moses Irubor on June 27 at Johnson County Courthouse, Olathe, Kansas. **Brenda Steele**, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Steele, to Ted Chael on September 6 at First Christian Church, Butler, Missouri.

CLASS '83
Therese Cognac, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Edward Cognac, to Dr. William Warren Peterson on June 6 at St. Justin the Martyr Church, St. Louis. **Anne Marie Reintjes**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon L. Reintjes, to Frank Cooper Smith on September 25 at St. Agnes Church, Roeland Park, Kansas. **Bernadette Marie Rodemann**, daughter of Mrs. Marie Rodemann and the late Mr. Rodemann, to George William Sitterley on May 23 at St. Stanislaus Church, Wardsville, Missouri.

CLASS '84
Diane Marie Burrichter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Burrichter, to Christopher Santarella on June 13 in Coral Gables, Florida. **Christina Criml**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Criml, to Charles Gray Schaeffer on August 23 at St. Stephen's Church, St. Louis. **Traci Dawn Eldridge-Taylor**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn D. Taylor, to Darrell Wayne Mitchell on September 19 at Longview Farm Chapel, Lee's Summit, Missouri. **Jean Elizabeth Freise**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward John Freise, to Daniel Marvin Stroud on October 3 at Immaculate Conception Church, Old Monroe, Missouri. **Ramona Ann Gatschet**, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Paul A. Gatschet, to Dr. Byron Gregory Thompson, Jr., son of Byron and **Jeanne Collins Thompson '54**, on October 11 at Visitation Church, Kansas City. **Carol Ann Hiegel**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hiegel, to James Anthony Huber, on May 18 at St. Aloysius Church, St. Louis. **Mariella Jean Jennings**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Jennings, to Thomas Joseph Huber on April 4 at St. Michael's Church, Shrewsbury, Missouri. Mary Kathryn Louis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Louis, to **Walter Raymond Wilson**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Wilson, on December 27 at St. Peter's Church, Kansas City. **Donna Mae O'Toole**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. O'Toole, to Charles Michael Lowther on October 2 at St. Joseph's Church, Shawnee, Kansas. **Susan Marie Therese Seiter**, daughter of William and **Patricia Yontz Seiter '60**, to Patrick David Everley on October 10 at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Kansas City. **Carol Anne Stinson**, daughter of Mrs. Lucy A. Stinson and the late Mr. Robert L. Stinson, to Peter Michael Stream on June 28 at Grandview United Methodist Church, Grandview, Missouri. **Ann Vivian Barhorst**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Barhorst, to Daniel Joseph Feehan on June 8 at St. Andrew's Church, St. Louis.

CLASS '85
Anne Margaret Barth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barth, to **Gregory Alan Lever**, son of Mrs. Marlene K. Lever and Mr. Kenneth Lever, on April 4 at St. Edward's Church, Belleville, Kansas. **Lori Connors**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Connors, to Michael James McGroder on August 7 at Queen of the Holy Rosary Church, Overland Park, Kansas. **Donna J. Dame**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dame, to David F. Massey, III, on May 15 at Overland Park Baptist Temple, Overland Park, Kansas. **Jeanne C. Hansen**, daughter of Mr. Alfred E. Hansen and the late Mrs. Alfred E. Hansen, to Frank Paul Dohnikar, Jr., on July 26 at Westside Church of God, Poplar Bluff, Missouri. **Janet Suzanne Jordan**, daughter of James and **Rosemary Heilman Jordan '56**, to James William Gorman on June 6 at St. Francis Xavier Church, Kansas City. **Tamara Lea Osterkamp**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Osterkamp, to Steven Dale Sittig on September 27 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Overland Park, Kansas. **Sarah Ann Pfeifer**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard O. Pfeifer, to Roy Joseph Noel Vaz on June 6. **Rhonda Kay Rice**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene L. Rice, to Dennis Ray Martin on March 19 at Noland Road Baptist Church, Independence, Missouri. **Mary Elizabeth Seiler**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald A. Seiler, to **George Robert Brown, Jr., '84**, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Robert Brown, Sr., on June 19 at Ascension Church, Chesterfield, Missouri. **Holly Littlejohn**, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Littlejohn, to John William Davis on August 16 at Countryside Christian Church, Mission, Kansas.

"Things will seem much funnier . . ."

Administration Adapts to New Computers

Avila, like many other institutions and businesses, is in the midst of technological change. The availability of increasingly sophisticated computer systems will allow the college to better serve students, alumni and friends in both the academic and administrative areas. ***Accent*** *takes a look at the interface of new administrative technology with the human beings that must implement and operate it.*

Sister Rose Anthony Schmidt, as she has done for 20 years, still sits at her alumni desk and updates information on all alums. Sister Ellen Marie Gavin, for 11 years, has updated gift cards in an office close by.

The manual system on which Sister Rose makes changes contains five sets of information on each alum. Seven thousand Avila alums means 35,000 different files. That's not including files on non-alums, corporations and foundations that Sister Ellen oversees.

It's all been done by hand for years by a few dedicated people with steel trap minds. All that is about to change.

In 1986 Clarence and Vita Goppert made a gift of $240,000 to the college for the express purpose of buying an administrative computer system. After many task force reports and in-depth study, the campus computer committee selected a new, totally integrated, powerful computer system to modernize its administrative record storage and information system.

The real story, however, is not the purchase, or even the installation of this new system. The real story is the change in the information age and how that impacts human lives.

Everyone involved in the implementation as it currently unfolds has a vision of the computer's long term benefits. They also, however, have gained an appreciation of how this new technology affects our lives and the frustrations that sometimes result from the inability of humans to adapt. Almost all agree that patience and a good sense of humor are necessary to survive the process. Most have advice for anyone starting the process from scratch.

Adjusting to new computer system: (from left) Jim Millard, Ken Beal and Sister Rose Anthony Schmidt

Computer Director Ken Beal says that, "Better decisions come from decision making based on accurate and timely information. We now will have a larger data base available to more people. That should lead to better ability to manage," continued Beal.

Those eventual benefits will not be realized without some frustrations during the implementation phase. Jim Millard, Avila's Admissions Director, says that getting any new software integrated with hardware and users can prove to be frustrating. "Software is the typical 'tube sock'," says Millard. "One size is supposed to fit all, but all feet are different, just as all users are different."

"It typically takes about three years to bring software and users together. Users must change and software must be changed," said Millard.

Maintaining the vision of a better future and a sense of humor are keys to dealing with daily frustrations that occur. "If you don't look at the lighter side occasionally, you could go bonkers," says Norm Gerhart, Vice President for Fiscal Affairs, who oversees the entire administrative system. "Of course, a lot of things will seem much funnier a year from now, when we are fully operational, than they do today."

Humorous anecdotes are passed from office to office and serve to relieve some of the pressures created by the added workload of doing assigned tasks plus learning the new system. The registrar's office had a beautiful mock registration except for the fact that no students registered were charged tuition.

Presidential secretary Bobbi Courville spent 15 minutes trying to find which printer had printed her letter. The admissions office produced six letters to prospects named Brian that came out "Dear Brain". Fortunately the mistake was caught during proofing.

Many Avila administrators have advice for anyone beginning the process from scratch: Set a realistic timetable, work cooperatively with other areas, learn by doing in test before you go live, and know what you want the system to do from the outset.

The best advice, however, probably comes from Sister Rose and Sister Ellen. It applies to manual or computer systems and even life in general. Have faith, think positive and keep your vision and sense of humor.

Cheaper by the pair

Grants to Multi-Student Families

Alumni and family grants are available to assist students because Avila College recognizes the sacrifices made by families with two or more college students. Students from the same family who concurrently attend Avila College on a full-time basis may receive a $500 grant each year. A student is eligible to receive the grant as long as two or more family members remain in college.

This grant is available for sons and daughters, as well as mothers and fathers.

Alumni grants are provided to dependent children of Avila College alumni. A $250 annual grant may be awarded each year up to four years to students enrolled full time. The Avila College Alumni Association raises money through its Annual Golf Classic to support these grants.

In addition to these grants, Avila offers scholarships for freshmen and transfer students, along with federal and state assistance. For further information on the Avila family grant or other financial assistance, contact the college financial aid office at 942-8400, extension 225.

Spring Campus Calendar

April

9	All Sports Banquet, Mass, 6 p.m.; Dinner, 7:30 p.m.
10-May 6	Graduating Student Exhibits Thornhill Art Gallery
14	Health Fair 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Whitfield Centre
15 - 16, 22 - 23	"The Robber Bridegroom" Goppert Theatre, 8 p.m.
19	"The Love Of Books" Virginia DeCoursey Hooley-Bundschu Library, 11:30-2 p.m.
30	"An Evening of Dance at Avila College" Goppert Theatre, 8 p.m.

May

5	Honors Recital Goppert Theatre, 8 p.m.
7	Thomas Beebe/Dayna Martinez Joint Recital Goppert Theatre, 8 p.m.
13	Graduation Barbeque Marian Centre Dining Room, 6 p.m.
14	Graduation Coffee Goppert Theatre Lobby, 9:30 a.m.
	Honors Convocation Goppert Theatre, 10:30 a.m.
	Graduation Mass Goppert Theatre, 4 p.m.
	Baccalaureate & Graduation Ceremony Mabee Fieldhouse, 6 p.m.

Avila to Field Baseball, Softball Teams in 1989

Men's baseball and women's softball will give Avila a year round intercollegiate sports program, beginning with the 1988-89 school year. The two sports will be added to men's soccer and women's volleyball in the fall and men's and women's basketball in the winter. Avila is the first four-year institution in the metropolitan area to sponsor men's baseball.

"We are excited about these new programs," said Athletic Director Scott Royal-Ferris. "We now have a well-rounded athletic program for both participants and spectators."

Royal-Ferris also said he was pleased to announce that "coaches have been hired and are actively recruiting prospective student-athletes for each sport." Joan Ice, a four-year college softball letter winner, will coach softball and Dr. David Klein, former Kansas City, Kansas baseball coach, will coach baseball.

Ice will continue to direct Avila's successful women's volleyball program, as she has for the past two years.

Klein, whose coaching record at the community college level is 149-57, led his team to the 1976 Junior College World Series and won regional Junior College Coach of the Year honors. He will remain Chemistry Department Chairman at Kansas City, Kansas Community College.

"Both Joan and David bring a wealth of coaching and teaching experience to these positions," Royal-Ferris said. "We are fortunate to be able to attract such high quality individuals to head these programs."

Present students and incoming freshmen will be encouraged to participate. Schedules are being planned while long-term plans include the construction of on-campus facilities for both sports.

Health Fair to be held in April

Health Fair 1987

Hundreds of people are expected to take part in Avila's second annual Health Fair on April 14, 1988 in the Whitfield Center. The first Health Fair attracted more than 400 people who were curious about their health and interested in improving it. The purpose of the fair is to promote health and wellness through education and screening.

Participants learn about nutrition, stress management, fitness and medications. Measurements are made of height, weight, body fat, blood pressure, vision, blood chemistry, and for oral and colo-rectal cancer. Organizers say participants should allow one hour for the screening and activities.

The fair is sponsored by the Avila College Department of Nursing, which is celebrating 40 years of service to the nursing profession and community. Avila's nursing department was the first baccalaureate program in Kansas City leading to a bachelor of science in nursing and accredited by the National League for Nursing.

The Health Fair reflects the department's commitment to preparing nurses for community health and its emphasis on wellness through education. This year the fair is both co-sponsored by Saint Joseph Health Center and Avila, both sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

Volunteers who wish to help staff the fair may call Carol Frevert at 942-8400, extension 268.

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